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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PINT, PK
SUBJECT: POLITICAL SITUATION IN PAKISTAN

1. THE PNA IS ENTERING NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE PM CAUTIOUSLY
AND IS WARY OF HIS SINCERITY. THIS CONCERN WAS REFLECTED
IN A PRESS RELEASE, CONTAINING BITING CRITICISMS OF
THE PM, WHICH ACTING PNA LEADER PIR OF PAGARO DISTRIBUTED
ON MAY 31. THE PIR WARNED THAT THE PM WAS INTERESTED IN
STALLING AND WOULD NOT NEGOTIATE IN GOOD FAITH.

2. IN THE STATEMENT THE PIR CALLED FOR NATION-WIDE
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DEMONSTRATIONS ON JUNE 2 AND 3. HE SAID THAT THE CALL
FOR DEMONSTRATIONS WAS MADE BY THE PNA AND WAS NOT AN
INDIVIDUAL ACT. HE ADDED THAT IF PNA LEADER NASRULLAH KHAN
IS RELEASED FROM SIHALA HE WOULD LEAD DEMONSTRATIONS IN
RAWALPINDI ON THURSDAY AND FRIDAY AND THAT MUFTI MAHMUD
WOULD ADDRESS A CONGREGATION AFTER JUMA PRAYERS. POLITICAL
OBSERVERS SEE THE PIR'S STATEMENT AND CALL FOR DEMONSTRA-

TIONS AS PART OF THE PNA PLAN TO KEEP PRESSURE ON BHUTTO
AND TO SHOW THEIR FOLLOWERS THEY ARE NOT BEING DUPED.

3. THE GOP ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES
CLOSED SINCE BEFORE THE ELECTIONS WOULD REOPEN ON JULY 15
FOR EIGHT TO TEN WEEKS THEN CLOSE FOR A TWO-WEEK PREPARATORY
VACATION WITH FINAL EXAMINATIONS TO BEGIN AROUND THE
MIDDLE OF OCTOBER. UNDER THIS SCHEDULE THE 1977-78 SCHOOL
YEAR WOULD BEGIN AROUND THE END OF OCTOBER OR EARLY NOVEMBER.
THE NORMAL ACADEMIC YEAR IN PAKISTAN RUNS FROM
SEPTEMBER TO JUNE. THE REOPENING IS SEEN AS BOWING TO
PRESSURE FROM STUDENTS WHO FEARED THAT THE ENTIRE 1976-77
ACADEMIC YEAR WOULD BE LOST BECAUSE OF THE LONG CLOSURE
OF THE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES BEGINNING IN FEBRUARY.
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